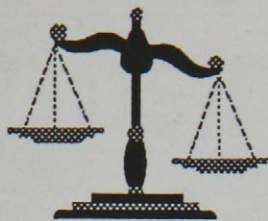


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What Are Real Choices Anyway?

Mitch Costom, LSA VP-External, Nick Benedict, SSMU VP-External and Helena Myers, SSMU President

When historians look back at Canadian society in the 1990s, they're going to assume that smelling nice was more important to us than educating our population. At the very least, that is what they could assume from the fact that we have created more federal-provincial committees to co-ordinate cologne production than we have created dealing with our universities.

Does this sound like a case of misplaced priorities? How about the fact that universities do not have to account to anyone for the money they spend, despite the fact that the public subsidizes them to the tune of several billion dollars per year? Or that there are professional standards for hairdressers and bartenders, but no requirement that the professors trained in research who are in charge of your education know how to teach?

Student societies across the country think that it is absurd that the federal government seems content to watch the university system decline instead of looking for ways to make it more efficient and cost-effective. The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), of which the Students' Society of McGill University is a founding member, has decided to put this proposition to the test and ask for a mandate

from students to sit down and negotiate with Ottawa. On October 23, 24, and 25 - on the same ballot as referenda questions dealing with the Health Plan and the McGill Daily - students from across the country will be voting on whose approach to post-secondary education they prefer: CASA's or the federal government. With a strong vote for the former, we can begin to put pressure on MPs representing university ridings to respect the will of their constituents.

The CASA Option

The CASA approach is straightforward. Let's consider our education system for what it really is: a necessary long-term investment that will allow us to compete in high-wage high-technology sectors of the world economy. Let's stop wasting money with duplication of services at different universities and start bringing to account those schools which cut programmes while increasing spending on administrative bureaucracy. Let's make sure that before a professor gets up in front of class that s/he has had some kind of training in effective teaching methods in addition to her/his research qualifications. And if we need more money in the system, let's find ways of increasing funding from all of the beneficiaries of post-secondary education, including students, in such a way that no one who is academically qualified will be turned away from school.

unanimously endorsed this plan, and now we need to hear from you. Only if we have a strong mandate from students will the government be interested in talking with us. On October 23, 24, and 25, make your voice count - support the CASA alternative.

This is just the beginning - if you'd like a copy of the full CASA discussion paper or if you have any questions, call Mitch Costom, LSA VP-External at 398-6966 or Nick Benedict, SSMU VP-External at 398-6798.

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Notes from the Office of Undergraduate Studies

MARS opens on Tuesday 31st October for **second term course changes**. It will remain open until Sunday 14th January 1996.

International Development Law 389-516B has been **cancelled**. If you are registered in this course, please delete it from your record when MARS opens.

TRIAL ADVOCACY has been **added** to the Winter timetable and will be available to you when MARS reopens on 31st October.

Course Title: Trial Advocacy (491-420B 01)

Term: II

Credits: 3

Instructor: Me. Michael M. Bergman

Language of Inst.: English

Description: The purpose of this course is to analyze and instruct on the methods and techniques of court room advocacy at the trial and appellate level in written and oral pleadings. The course will investigate how evidence, law and jurisprudence can be organized and structured into legal arguments. Examples of

pleadings and court room orations will be studied. The role and conduct of plaintiff, Crown and defence counsel as pleaders will be examined. The ethics of trial advocacy will be studied both in the court room and with the media. Secondary aspects of pleading such as the pleadings of objections to evidence and motions will also be examined. Class time will be used in theoretical lectures and practice or oral pleadings. The emphasis will be on student participation. Evaluation of student performance will be based on an oral presentation/pleading and a written paper. the oral evaluation will be worth 33% of the grade and the written submission the balance. The oral submission will be based on the presentation of an argument to the examiner. The written aspect will be based on a written pleading such as notes and authorities or a factum.

Prerequisites: None

Seminar: No

Method of Eval.: 1/3 oral presentation; 2/3 written assignment

Max. Enrolment: 30

Teaching Hours: Tues. 17:30-20:30

N.B.: i) THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO GRADUATING STUDENTS ONLY.

ii) STUDENTS REGISTERED IN CIVIL LITIGATION THIS TERM MAY NOT TAKE TRIAL

ADVOCACY IN WINTER.

Students with problems on their **first term verification forms** are advised to check their email daily for information. It may be necessary for you to speak with someone in OUS concerning the nature of your particular problem and email is the only medium we will be using to reach you.

Annie MacDonald Langstaff Workshops

Ce mercredi 25 octobre à 12:30 à la salle 202, le Annie MacDonald Langstaff Workshops est heureux de vous présenter **Ann Robinson** de la Faculté de droit de l'Université Laval qui viendra nous entretenir de **la situation de la femme et du droit de la famille avec le nouveau Code civil du Québec**. Mme Robinson, par une analyse féministe en droit de la famille, traitera principalement des implications pour les femmes des silences du Code civil et plus particulièrement de la situation du conjoint de fait qui n'est pas reconnu par le Code. C'est donc un rendez-vous à ne pas manquer pour tout ceux qui sont intéressés par cette situation très actuelle.

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Update: Women and the Law

Sarah Lugtig, LLB III - CoChair

Women and the Law had its first general meeting of the year on Thursday September 28, 1995. Thirty-plus dedicated members gave up the first hour of coffee house to attend, with particularly strong representation shown from among the first-year and exchange students. Others who could not attend have also expressed interest in organizing and participating in events and activities which focus on the role of women in the study and practice of law, both as practitioners and as clients. Women and the Law certainly promises to be a strong and productive group in the Faculty this year.

As an organization we look forward to involving all interested students and faculty in events which foster education, discussion and reflection on women's issues as they pertain to the Law. Such activities will include: Commemoration of December 6th, the National Day of Action and Awareness to End Violence Against Women; International Women's Week in March; Monthly Activities such as films and discussion groups; Fundraising; Speakers and Special Events; the Shadow Program, which allows students to spend a day on the job with a practitioner; Reform-oriented Activities, including follow-up on our submission of a brief on Equity Issues to the Ad Hoc Steering Committee on Reform in the Law Faculty; collaboration with other Student Groups such as the Gay and Lesbian, Christian, Jewish, and Black Law Students' Associations; and the Student Committee for the Annie McDonald Langstaff Workshop. Women and the Law will also be publicizing campus and community events which focus on women's issues, through E-mailings, posters, and our Bulletin Board down in the Pit across from the Cafeteria. If you hear of any such activities, please let us know!!!!

On that note, here is a calendar of events of interest to both W&L members and the Faculty as a whole:

**Missing Children's Network Fundraiser
October 23-26, 1995**

The Christian Law students Association in conjunction with Women and the Law, The Black Law Students Association, and the IberoAmerican Law Students Association is organizing a fundraising drive October 23-26 from 11-3 p.m. at various spots throughout the campus. Women and the Law has taken responsibility for Thursday October 26 from 11-3 p.m. and needs members to come out and collect donations. If you are interested please phone Dave Outerbridge (285-4493) so he can sign you up for a time that is convenient for you.

"Persons Day" Breakfast

Week of October 23, 1995 Watch for Posters which will announce the details!!!!

LEAF (The Legal Education and Action Fund), McGill Women and the Law, and potentially other Women and the Law caucuses in Montreal are planning an event to honour Persons Day (October 18th). Tentative plans include a Breakfast here at the Faculty during the week of October 23rd which will include a talk or panel discussion on a relevant topic.

MCRTW Conference: "The Female Body in the Minds Eye" November 2-3, 1995

The McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women is pleased to present a multi-disciplinary conference focusing on ideas about the female body. Here are some details about their program:

Patricia Williams from Columbia University School of Law will speak on "The Rooster's Egg: Slavery's Legacy in Contemporary American Political Debates"

Thursday November 2, 6 - 8 p.m.

The Frank Dawson Adams Auditorium
Frank Dawson Adams Bldg, 3450
University (Free and Open to the Public)

The Conference Itself

Friday November 3, 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
McGill Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish

The day involves lectures and responses from the various guests, discussion groups

for participants, a luncheon, a comedy show and concluding reception.

Registration Information

Fees: \$10.00 for full-time students (includes the lunch) and \$25.00 for others.

Deadline for Registration: October 27, 1995
How to register: Conference Information and Forms are available at the Women and the Law Bulletin Board across from the Cafeteria in the Pit. Cheques and forms to be submitted to the McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women at 3487 Peel (Just down the hill!!)

Note: Women and the Law has invited Patricia Williams to an informal lunch and discussion with members on November 2! We are waiting for her response and will be communicating with members by E-mail in this regard. **mailWomen and the Law General Members Meeting**

November 1 at 4:30 p.m. Room: TBA.

Agenda items for this meeting will include:

- 1) Developing a constitution and organizational structure for Women and the Law.
- 2) Discussing the role(s) of male members in the organization.
- 3) Discussing other activities and roles for members, such as having a communications officer, when to have general meetings, a women's issues discussion group, etc. Anyone who signed up for activities which have not been the subject of one of the "committee" meetings will be able to organize themselves at this time with the assistance of the general membership where appropriate.
- 4) Any other agenda items which members wish to discuss. Please let us know ahead of time by E-mail.

If you are interested in getting involved with the McGill Caucus of Women and the Law this year and/or would like to be on our general E-mail address list please contact either Sarah Lugtig or David Outerbridge by E-mail at Outerb_d or lugtig_s or phone: Sarah - 495-3475 and Dave - 285-4493. (Or just talk to us when you see us!!!!)

JODY TALK

"Meet the new boss same as the old boss, won't get fooled again" -- Pete Townsend
 "Why should I care...Why should I care"
 -- Pete Townsend

I have been beaten, battered and bruised by this faculty, but the reason that I stick around is because I just can't wait to see just how they will screw me next. Apparently I'm not the only one that feels this way, as is evidenced by Kiri's memo of October 2nd. Kiri's particular problem seems to have been scheduling enough classes to fill his schedule. If you remember in my first column of the year I too complained bitterly about the course sign ups. In the last issue of the Quid I noticed that Deans Jutras and Toope (hereinafter "The Deans") responded to Kiri's questions. For whatever its worth I thought about throwing my cape into the ring and joining the melee.

Kiri's rhetorical comments are more commonly known as sarcasm, and if you are going to draw attention to them it should at least be in a humorous fashion. I think I understand what "The Deans" are saying and if I misstate any of their positions Dean Jutras is pretty good at finding me at Coffee House (the last time he was nice enough to buy me a beer. None of you have done that yet). First of all, it's 10PM and they seem to know where all of their faculty are. However, I think Kiri doesn't really care where they are, just that they aren't here. Second, several professors have been removed from The Faculty with little notice. The question that comes to my mind is why The Faculty had to remove good and musically talented professors like Martin Boodman, while other indifferent professors remain? Now if what you meant to say is that these professors left, then why can't you make crappy professors leave and make the good ones stay. Third, thanks for waking up and smelling the coffee. The decision to make Shauna Van Praagh a full time tenure track professor is one of the best decisions that "The Deans" have yet made. Please don't burn her out with too many administrative duties. Fourth, I'm glad

that "The Deans" feel that the number and quality of the courses offered have been unaffected by the exodus of Faculty Professors, but they aren't the ones sitting in the classes or being forced to juggle their schedules in order to get enough credits to graduate. Finally, while the students are the ones making up the exam schedule, perhaps they could benefit from the guidance of someone in The Faculty who has been through it before and knows generally what courses people take.

If the "Faculty administration" would stop trying to stonewall us perhaps the students would be a little more sympathetic when difficult decisions need to be made. However, instead of admitting that Kiri got screwed, "The Deans" insisted there wasn't a problem. Not only is this attitude intellectually dishonest, as everyone with any sense knows there was a problem with the course selection this year, but it is insulting to the parties aggrieved by the situation, namely the students involved. A lot of good will can be developed when parties admit fault and seek to remedy the situation. For example, this summer The Legal Information Clinic wanted to mail out a notice in the Faculty's registration packets. The Associate Dean Academic agreed that because the notice pertained to the Legal Clinic Course which receives credit through the Faculty, it would be the Dean's office who would photocopy the notice and get it to Christine Gervais. Unfortunately the Dean's secretary forgot to photocopy the notice. However, Christine Gervais was nice enough to let us know when the follow-up packet went out and we sent out the notice then.

You don't need to strike a committee every single year to find out what the students want. I let you know each and every week what at least one student wants. Aside from world peace and a spot on the Gale Cup team, there are very few things that I would want the Faculty to do. One of the things that I would want is an increase in the number of open study seats available in the new library. I realize that a moot room might

bring more prestige to the Faculty, but it doesn't do much for the 96% of students who aren't doing a competitive moot. There should be at least one seat for every two students enrolled in the Faculty. Another thing that would make the students happy is if you hired a full time administrator for the placement office. It is appalling that we don't have someone who does nothing but call up firms and get them to hire McGill grads. I don't mean that there should be any soft selling either: I mean grade "A" arm twisting and favor calling. You should immediately abolish grades. The top 10 students in any class should get the recognition they deserve, but the rest of us should be considered equally talented. Only then will law firms be forced to interview anyone from McGill who wants an interview, and only then will we be able to control our own destiny. If you won't do that maybe you can try and raise the average GPA. I've heard the argument that firms know that a "B" from McGill is like an "A-" anywhere else. Given the choice I would still prefer to have a couple more "A-" grades on my transcript. Remember a student that looks back fondly upon the time she spent in the Faculty is more likely to donate than someone who had a bad experience.

However, the best advice I ever got about how to treat other people be they students, clients, or friends is this: "Treat others as you would like them to treat you." If you want other people to respect you don't belittle their problems. If you had tried to help Kiri solve his problems in the first place, perhaps he wouldn't have lashed out later. Even if he did lash out despite your kindness, then you could take comfort in the thought that you acted like a "mench." Oh and by the way Dean Jutras, the next beer is on me.

Jody Berkes is a fourth year law student who has gotta move like the waves in the ocean (are you happy Randi?). His column appears weekly in the Quid Novi. He would like to note that while there are 37 full time faculty members teaching at the Faculty of Law, he rarely sees but a few in the Common Room on Thursdays. Res Ipsa Loquitur.

Research Groups Update

Marian Tremblay and Vincent de Grandpré, National IV

Three weeks after our first article introducing the resource group project, we are happy to report that the initiative has been successfully launched!!! Thanks to the professors who have shown and provided support to this initiative.

For those who missed the QUID of September 25th, resource groups are student-led discussion/tutorial groups that have been created to provide support to students taking difficult and/or theoretical core courses offered at the Faculty. The groups have started to meet last week and will meet three times during the semester, on a purely voluntary basis.

Here is the list of the devoted students in charge of the resource groups. They are all volunteering their time to make this project a success. If you are having a sudden panic attack, having difficulty in any of the following courses, or just want to discuss class material with which you are not that confident, do not hesitate to join a resource group! We are all going through the same learning process and there is NO reason why the faculty of law should be a dreadful experience! Best of luck with all of your courses.

Foundations (Klinck)
(Morissette)
(Jutras)

Civil Procedure (J.I.C.P.)

Evidence (Healy)
(Sklar)

Taxation

Obligations IA

Civil Law Property IA

Common Law Property I

Business Associations

Equity & Trusts (Janda)

Ariel Deckelbaum

T.B.A.

Andrea Laing

Julie Bédard, Harry Dikranian

Elaine Evans

Joanne Klineberg

Neil Kravitz, Rhonda Rudick

Antoine Leduc

Peter Nagy

Denis Frawley

Tanya Mushynski, Craig Shepherd

Emil Pellicer

All of these students can be contacted by phone or e-mail. If you have any question, please feel free to speak to Marian or Vincent, by phone or e-mail at resgroup@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca.

EAGLES MUCK IT UP

Greg MacKenzie LLB II

Last Saturday afternoon, the inevitable happened. On a muddied Lower Campus Field, the Legal Eagles came crashing to earth with a resounding splunk. After winning their first two games of the season, the Eagles suffered their first loss in a 14-0 drubbing by Huge Inc.. Muddy field conditions grounded the normally mobile Eagle offense and wreaked havoc in the defensive backfield. Foul-weather fan Kristina Souter was shocked by the Eagles' hapless play: "I can't believe this is the same team I've watched all season. You guys really sucked today."

On Sunday afternoon, the Eagles regained their winning way in a 7-0 victory over Chemical Explosion. In the second game of the weekend, the defense drew a line in the mud at the Eagle goal

line: "This is our trench" declared Marty Valasek, as the defense dug in for the first of five goal-line assaults by Chemical Explosion.

An interception by Chris Greenwood on the Eagle five-yard line stopped the Explosion's drive for the end zone in the closing moments of the first half. With three plays remaining and ninety yards of mud to cross, an Eagle touchdown seemed unlikely. On the final play of the half, quarterback James Murdock rolled out of the pocket and threw 40 yards cross-field to Russ Chong. Chong's sprint to the end zone put the game away for the Eagles: "The defensive backs gave me the step I needed. When Murdock hit me, it was all over."

The Eagles 3-1 season record earns them a spot in league playoffs.

HALLOWEEN
PARTY
AT TAHAH'S
BEACH CLUB
THURSDAY
OCT 26

Pantouflicating

Don McGowan, LLB III

First, the rant.

Well, I didn't get my moot. I attribute that to two points:

Number one: the fact that ***I SUCKED***. Sometimes, there's no nice way to say it. I'm amazed that Hilary Williams and Prof. Handa didn't just laugh and throw rotting fruit. It was so bad, I think I might actually have scratched myself in my naughty place while I was "mooting".

Number two: well, there aren't two. I mean, I don't necessarily think it's *good* that people get to plead the same factum twice and qualify for competitive moots twice, but if I wanted to *do* anything about that, I would have had to have been better than them. See above. Other people have legitimate grievances; I can't, because I was *so* bad.

And, for once, I can't complain about not knowing in advance. Last year I missed the tryouts entirely, because I didn't log onto the network that week. Of course, I don't actually know whether there was any notice on the network either, but Josh Firehose said there was, and would he lie?

This year, Deb Johnston put up paper. Which is nice. You see, I finally logged onto the network two weeks ago for the first time this year. I had 17 of those stupid message boards waiting for me. (I also had 14 pieces of mail, one of which just said "Die, you fucking homophobe, die!" but that's another story better told in the *Tribune*.)

Many of these message boards had information that would have been useful if I had known about it in time, but people seem to think that posting a network bulletin board discharges their responsibility to make sure we know information.

I'll let you in on a little secret. I *hate* the bulletin boards. Last year, the Faculty unilaterally decided that we should all become computer-literate, so all notices to

students were to be posted on the network. Great. You might as well hire a skywriter, for the amount that some of us log on. Exactly what is that chalkboard outside the Moot Court for? And those glass-encased posterboards? They're not very pretty...

I'm just wondering why we *have* to use the Faculty's network at all? I *own* a computer, and so probably do you. I can write my essays at home, log onto QuickLaw from home, and even check my e-mail. I don't need to use the Faculty's computers. But because of this ***stupid*** decision from on high last year, I have to waste my time in the Computer Lab once a week.

I don't seem to remember the documents from the Faculty saying that one prerequisite for being in law school was using the Faculty's network. I don't recall my letter from Professor Jukier saying, "Welcome to McGill Law! And don't forget to check your e-mail, or you will miss the information you need to graduate." But if I don't log on at school, I can't see that stupid bulletin board that wastes the first 15 minutes of everyone's time. Instead, I can get work done.

Maybe I'm being a bit disrespectful. Maybe this "policy" really is grounded in the desire to make sure we're all computer-literate. But equating "computer-literate" with "using our network" is the same as equating "knowing the law" to "passing our courses". The new emphasis on computer assignments in lieu of a second-year memo is a step in the right direction. So let's get rid of this bulletin board policy and use notices like normal people.

After all, I own stock in Noranda and Weyerhaeuser. I could use for us all to kill a few trees.

And, *per* Professors Toope and Jutras' article in the last *Quid*: I applaud the Faculty's recognition that Linguistic and Literary Approaches to the Law is just as valid a course as Wills and Estates, and that the two are interchangeable. Now, if

only I could use both of them as semi-obligatory...

Seven

This is easily the most disturbing film I have ever seen (and I've seen *Silence of the Lambs*, but in German: *Das Schweigen der Lammes*. If you don't know why that makes it even more unsettling, you weren't paying attention in history class).

Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt (who mysteriously became an actor while I wasn't watching) are the good guys, and Kevin Spacey (you'll know him when you see him) is the bad guy who you don't get to see until the very end.

You've seen the commercials, "Seven deadly sins, seven ways to die." You can't even *begin* to imagine what those ways will be. The *least* disgusting is the guy who has to eat until his stomach blows up. That's gluttony. I won't even go into greed (particularly bad for people in my prospective line of work), or sloth and lust (particularly bad for people with stomachs containing food).

You watch this movie, and you wonder: who came up with this stuff? And why? I've heard that there's supposed to be a moral, the old "society is so blasé that someone could be this disgusting", but maybe I wasn't paying attention.

As for the ending, you probably won't guess it. But I'm always impressed with movies that will do it this way, and not wimp out.

Don't get me wrong. It's an excellent film. Just don't see it alone (or with Lara, who will scream in your ear from two seats away).

The Usual Suspects

IT'S KEVIN SPACEY WEEK!

That's right. He's in this one too. This time, as a neurotic guy with weird feet.

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There's a secret surprise ending, which I guessed halfway through the film, but I won't ruin it by telling you that Nick Tortelli is the bad guy.

Oops.

Well, no. But Nick Tortelli is in this movie (I guess *Clueless* rehabilitated his career). So is Stephen Baldwin (the ugly one), some guy named Chazz Somethingorother, and a few other people

you've never heard of. The love interest for the one guy who gets one is another one of those you'll-know-when-you-see-her people.

This is a good film. (See! I see the good ones too!) Lots of people get blowed up real good, but there's actual acting too. You can take your girlfriend to this and not owe her a trip to *How to Make an American Quilt*. And you can tell her I said so.

(PS: if you *are* a girlfriend, that doesn't stop you from taking your girlfriend. But don't take your boyfriend. Let residual chivalry/sexism work for you, and make him pay.)

Law Games

Yeah. Right. Like you think I'm going to throw it in at the end like this.

Anyway, it's not a movie. It's a spectacle.

International Law Society

Nathalie Léger, BCL II

The International Law society has started anew this year and hopes to be able to bring more in terms of discussions, speakers and the like, than ever before. Here is a brief overview of what is happening with us so far.

On the 23rd of October, we will have the pleasure of having Matthew Coon Combe, head of the Crees come and speak to us. This is a major event which should be co-sponsored with either UQUAM or UofM. There will also be t.v. cameras and journalists, so don't miss it! It will be held in the Moot Court, I think from 12:30 to 1:30. We will need help with poster, invitations and the like, so come to see us if you have 5 minutes to spare!

On the same day, we will also have someone from the International Monetary Fund come and speak to us. The event is co-sponsored by the McGill Business Law Association. Hopefully we will be able to schedule them some time apart so you can go to both, but that is still to be decided.

On the weekend of October 20th, the Canadian Council on International Law held its annual conference. The theme was: "Globalism and regionalism: questions for the 21st century" or something similar. At the time I am

writing this paper, I cannot yet say how it went, but I have a strong feeling it will be just great!

The University of Ottawa contacted us to let us know what was happening down there. They seem very organized, hosting many events last year and having a page on the World Wide Web. Ours is coming up; we will let you know when it is ready. We will also let you know if anything spectacular in terms of International law is happening at the UofO.

The STEP program, which stands for Student Trainee Exchange Program is coming along fine. For this program, we have to find summer jobs in firms here, in Montreal, as well as give support to the European students who will get these jobs. In exchange, we will be able to send a few (1 or 2) students there for a summer job. This is a lot of work, so if you would like to help, just drop Trish a line to "KUHL_T".

There is also "The ILS presents..." a new series to promote discussion with international students that are presently studying here, on subjects ranging from cost of living near their university to the procedures needed to enter the profession in their country. Unfortunately, due to scheduling problem, the first meeting, with France, had to be put back to November 1st,

1:30 pm. So our first meeting will be with the guys from Sweden, on the 25th of October. Check the posters for time and place. Finally the Wine and Cheese. This event will probably be held in February or March. With this we wish to provide you with a more practical view of an International Law career by inviting speakers who currently exercise that profession. So that's it for now! If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us. And look around for posters, e-mail and maybe even an other article in the Quid for updates.

Steven Leitman, BCL II

Top Ten Reasons I Just Signed up for Law Games:

10. Why the hell not?
9. To partake in some intellectual conversations with fellow law students from across Canada.
8. It beats class.
7. Justice L'Heureux-Dube said she's going to ref hockey this time.
6. It'll give me a chance to work on my frostbite.
5. Just hoping the Bonhomme makes an appearance.
4. Don't have to worry about members of the Nordiques starting up with me in a bar.
3. After 10 days of class, I'll be ready for another vacation.
2. Two words: Stroh's Beer.
1. What could be better than 2000 law students acting unreasonably?

Canadian Jewish Law Students Conference

Dyanoosh Youssefi
Co-chair, CJLSA 1996 National Conference

Desperately seeking an occasion that provides a perfect balance between exciting social functions, intellectual challenges, and an opportunity to meet 150 students with similar interests and goals from across the country?

Seek no more!

The Canadian Jewish Law Students Association has the answer to your property blues: CJLSA's 8th annual conference will be held in Montreal, between February 2nd-4th.

The theme for this year's Conference is "Lawyers, Leaders: Success, Social Responsibility. Are They Incompatible?" If the title requires reflection, that is because the weekend will also be one of reflection, introspection, discussion and education.

High-calibred and well-qualified speakers will address, through Jewish and legal and perspectives, topics such as, "Canada and Immigration- Have Our Responsibilities Ended, or Are We in Danger of Closing Our Doors, and Our Hearts?"

- "Genocide: International and National Approaches to Recent and Current Acts of Genocide, and the Jewish Response"

- "Human Rights in Israel"

- "Family, Religion, Law and Identity: Can Feminist Perspectives Bridge the (Perceived?) Gaps?"

- "The Why, the How, and the What's

Wrong of Legislation Dealing with War Criminals"

Many other topics will be covered, but all the secrets won't be given away now. Suffice it to say that Conference participants will hear prominent speakers, hold discussions in small groups, and engage in theoretical as well as practical tasks, such as workshops and small group discussions.

Of course, serious issues must always be combined with serious fun. There will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy wine and cheese, socialize with participants from across the country and to "party". An added bonus to this year's light-hearted activities: a Jewish legal humourist.

Across the country, a team of over 20 people has been working since the beginning of the summer in order to make this year's conference a most successful one. Executive members of the Canadian Jewish Law Students' Association can be found at schools such as Osgoode, U of T, Western, and McGill. The Conference has liaisons from UBC to University of Manitoba to Sherbrooke to Dalhousie. All these persons have been involved with the organization of the conference by volunteering their input as well as their time. All that's needed now is your participation.

In case you have not already pinned the Conference into your agenda, here are 5

more reasons why you will:

5. The other stimulating and controversial panel discussions as well as unique social opportunities that were not listed in this article.

4. The Conference will cost less than Law Games and you won't come back with a bug that'll last you through the year (Note: the Conference is strategically scheduled to take place two weeks after Law Games).

3. Infinite number of young, single men and women (that would make your grandparents proud) will attend the Conference.

2. One of the best-spoken and "funkiest" judges in Canada will be there.

1. If you don't write in the date, Dyanoosh, Marisa, Ariel, Arie or one of the other dedicated individuals working on the conference will do it for you.

The expected cost of the conference for participants is around \$99.00. That sum includes not only accommodation for two nights in a downtown hotel, but also all meals and conference materials. In addition, the McGill Jewish Law Students' Association is looking to subsidize McGill students. That way, more McGill students will be able to enjoy the full benefit of spending the weekend with students from across the country.

If you have further questions, any of the above-mentioned persons will be happy to provide you with more information on the Conference.

ATTENTION GRADS:

Josten's will be taking grad photos in the common room on October 25-26-27 all day. Please take this opportunity and sign up for an appointment outside the LSA office. The cost of \$29 includes a picture in Old

McGill, the law year book *Res Ipsa Loquitor* and a picture on the composite. An optional fee of \$7 will get you a 8*10 copy of the composite.

Also on sale will be the 1996 yearbooks at the low low introductory price of \$20. Buy now as price will go up after Christmas to \$25.